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For: OVARY-SPECIFIC GENES AND PROTEINS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time to and including February 26, 2004 to respond to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003. Applicants have paid for a two month extension of time on January 13, 2004. At this time, Applicants request the Director to charge the difference of the fees of a two month and a three month extension of time to Deposit Account No. No. 06-2375, under Order No. 09807797. Applicants believe the fees due are \$530.00.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 09807797.

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